



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

DONG et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/252,828

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FOR: RECOMBINANT BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE HUMAN ZONA PELLUCIDA
PROTEIN 3 (hZP3) TO TEST MALE FERTILITY

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

GROUP ART UNIT: 1641

EXAMINER: L. COOK

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, for which a response is due on or before October 3, 2003 with a one-month extension of time. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the one-month petition fee of \$55 to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 17 of this paper.